

What is claimed is:

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1. A method of preventing fish from the browning or darkening, which comprises treating the fish with an aqueous alkali solution and then washing off or neutralizing the aqueous alkali solution attached to the treated fish.
2. A method of preparing fish protected from the browning or darkening, which comprises treating the fish with an aqueous alkali solution and then washing off or neutralizing the aqueous alkali solution attached to the treated fish.
3. A method of preparing a food containing raw, small fish, which comprises treating the raw, small fish with an aqueous alkali solution, then washing off or neutralizing the aqueous alkali solution attached to the treated fish, and treating the fish with a seasoning.
4. A food containing raw, small fish, which is prepared by treating the raw, small fish with an aqueous alkali solution, then washing off or neutralizing the aqueous alkali solution attached to the treated, raw, small fish, and treating the fish with a seasoning.
5. A method of preparing small fish free from the browning or darkening from browned or darkened, small fish, which comprises treating the browned or darkened fish with an aqueous alkali solution and then washing off or neutralizing the aqueous alkali solution attached to the fish.
6. Small fish free from the browning or darkening, which are obtained by treating browned or darkened small fish with an aqueous alkali solution and then washing off or neutralizing the

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aqueous alkali solution attached to the treated small fish.

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